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# Carkeek Park

## Environmental Learning Center

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950 NW Carkeek Park Rd, Seattle, WA 98177

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**April – June 2004**

**Living Green, Nature Classes  
Walks, Talks, Special Events and  
Environmental Stewardship**



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### **Hours of operation**

Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### **Holiday closures**

Monday, May 31, Memorial Day

### **Program registration**

Mail-in registration begins March 25

Walk-in registration begins March 29

### **Program dates**

April 1 – June 26

**Location:** Carkeek Park is located in northwest Seattle and is accessed by heading west on NW 110th street from 3rd Ave NW. The park is open from 6 a.m. – 10 p.m. daily. The Environmental Learning Center is just inside the main gate entrance and is open Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Park amenities include Environmental Learning Center, Play Area, Picnic Shelters, Trail System (including ADA accessible trails), View Meadows, Beach Access, and Salmon Spawning Creeks. Call 206-684-4081 for picnic shelter reservations.

**Park rules:** Dogs are allowed in the park but must be on leash at all times. No dogs are allowed on the beach or in the wetlands. Walkers and joggers are encouraged to enjoy our extensive trail system. No bikes are allowed on forest trails; however, paved roads allow for great rides!

### **You can make a difference!**

Advisory Council is a group of citizens dedicated to the enrichment of our community. Its support enables us to offer a variety of programs and services for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

Our Advisory Council is always looking for new members. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday evening of every month to talk about programs, policies, and financial issues. Citizen direction and participation are vital to our continued success. Advisory Council members also create scholarship opportunities through grant writing and other fundraising activities. If

you'd like to get involved, please contact our staff. Most classes, workshops, sports, and special events are funded through the Advisory Council rather than through Seattle Parks and Recreation. Revenues generated through program fees offset program costs to make Advisory Council activities self-sustaining. We rely heavily on program participation, donations, and contributions to buy, repair, maintain, and upgrade program equipment and supplies.

### **Professional staff**

Ken Bounds, Superintendent

Herbye White, Recreation Support Director

Charles Sablan, Environmental Learning Centers  
Manager

Janet Macri, Education Program Supervisor

Brian Gay, Naturalist

Beth Miller, Watershed Outreach Specialist

Michelle Allen, Recreation Leader

Nancie Jaramillo, Maintenance Leader

### **Carkeek Park Advisory Council**

Current members include:

Executive Board: Peter Marx, President; Carey Chaplin, Vice President; Dean Fournier, Secretary; Robert Stark, Treasurer. **General Members:** Shirley Anderson, Fran Clifton, John Fisher, Carolyn Kruse, Russ Kurtz, Michael Levy, Nancy Malmgren, Gudrun Murti, Linda Sawyer, Ron Schaevitz, Lex Voorhoeve, and Cynthia Wilson.

### **Mission**

Seattle Parks and Recreation will work with all citizens to be good stewards of our environment, and to provide safe and welcoming opportunities to play, learn, contemplate, and build community.

### **E-Brochures are available!**

In keeping with our environmental stewardship policies, we're trying to reduce the amount of paper we use. We invite you to visit our web site at **[www.seattle.gov/parks](http://www.seattle.gov/parks)**. You can find this brochure information online.

### **Suggestions**

We welcome your ideas. If you want to suggest a new class, or if you have an idea you think would benefit us or our community in general, please let us know.

### **Interested in teaching?**

We're always looking for top quality instructors to offer courses. We offer classes based on participants' interest and space availability. If you have a special

talent, skill, or knowledge you would like to share with others in a class or workshop format, please talk to a member of our staff.

### **Anti-discrimination**

As a matter of policy, law, and commitment, Seattle Parks and Recreation does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, political ideology, age, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap.

### **Accommodation for people with disabilities**

We will make reasonable accommodation, upon request, for people with disabilities. For sign language interpretation, auxiliary aids or other accommodation, please call 206-615-0140 or TDD 206-684-4950. Please allow 10 working days' advance notice. If a class or activity is scheduled in an area not accessible for wheelchairs, we will make every effort to help you find a similar program in an accessible location.

### **Rentals**

For information about room rentals, please view our facility rental brochure. (<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/reservations/facrentalguide.htm>)

### **More information**

For information about Parks and Recreation facilities, recreation programs, picnic shelters, and scheduling, please visit our web site at [www.seattle.gov/parks](http://www.seattle.gov/parks), or call our Public Information line, 206-684-4075. For more information about senior adult programs, please call 206-684-4951; and for information about special population programs, please call 206-684-4950.

### **Payment**

You can pay for classes and other activities by mail or in person during regular facility hours. Please make checks and money orders out to Carkeek Park ELC Advisory Council. Please note: Payment is due when you register, unless we have indicated otherwise. If your check is returned for insufficient funds, your registration will be cancelled until you pay the amount due, plus a \$20 fee (cash only). We are working on a system that will make online registration available in the future.

### **Fees and charges**

Our Advisory Council provides the programs and activities listed in this brochure under an agreement with Seattle Parks and Recreation. Fees collected by the Advisory Council are used to offset the cost of

providing the programs. Program charges include user fees paid to Seattle Parks and Recreation to defray operating costs. People 60 and older are not charged these user fees unless there is a stated senior fee for a particular class. Class and program fees include Washington State sales tax when applicable.

### **Refunds**

It is the policy of Seattle Parks and Recreation and the Associated Recreation Council that:

- Anyone who registers for a class, camp, special event or program that is cancelled by Parks and Recreation or the Advisory Council will receive a full refund.
- Anyone who registers for a day camp, trip, overnight camp, special event, or facility rental, and requests a refund 14 days or more before its start (or before the second session of a class), may receive a refund minus a service charge.
- Anyone who registers for a day camp, trip, overnight camp, special event, or facility rental, and who withdraws from the activity fewer than 14 days before its start (or after the second session of a class), will receive no refund.
- Please read policy, #7.16 for specific information.

### **Scholarships**

Our Advisory Council wants to ensure that activities, classes and sports are available to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. The Council offers scholarships for qualified applicants. To apply for a scholarship, please talk to a member of our staff.

### **Waiting lists**

We create waiting lists for all filled classes. Please be sure to sign up if you are interested in a class that is full, because class openings often become available. If demand is high, we will try to form another class. Please contact us for space availability.

### **Class cancellations**

To cover the cost of providing a program, we need a specific number of participants. If too few people sign up for a class, we must cancel it. We'll notify you (at the latest) one or two days before the class start date. When possible, we'll postpone a cancelled class for a week to allow for more enrollments; if the class minimum is not met by then, we'll have to cancel it.

### **Confirmations**

Sorry, we cannot confirm class registration by mail or phone, but we will notify you by phone if your class is postponed or cancelled.

# Living Green

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## Green Homes

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### Green Home Remodel

Thinking about remodeling? Help is here! Learn how to incorporate health, efficiency, durability and beauty in a single smart design. This two-hour class will cover the basics of green home remodeling, both materials selection and design strategies, using real life examples. There will also be ample time for questions, so bring your project ideas.

**Instructor:** Thor Peterson, SPU and Melinda Sheel, The Environmental Home Center

**Thursday, May 13** 7 – 9 p.m.

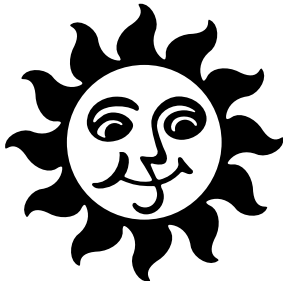
**Register by May 6.**

**Thursday, June 10** 7 – 9 p.m.

**Register by June 3.**

**Location:** Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center  
**Free**

### Residential Solar Power: Photovoltaic Assembly for Real People



Solar Power in the Pacific Northwest? It is not a fantasy. Come get the nuts and bolts facts about solar power. This hands-on, expert led workshop will guide you step by step through preliminary design and assembly of a

residential scale photovoltaic system.

**Instructor:** Mike Nelson, WSU Energy Program  
**Saturday, June 26** 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Register by June 18.**

**Location:** Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center  
**Free**

## Green Gardens

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### Choose the Right Plants with Favorite Garden Writers

It is easy to find gorgeous plants, but will they be happy in your garden? Learn from local gardening experts how to select plants that will naturally thrive in your garden's conditions. Classes are FREE at the following participating nurseries this spring.

#### *Creating an Unthirsty Garden*

Learn about the best trees, shrubs, perennials, and vines for our Northwest's wet winters and dry summers. Be introduced to native plants that are naturally carefree. Match these beautiful plants with the conditions in your own yard.

**Instructor:** Marianne Binetti. Seattle P.I.

gardening columnist and author of *Trees and Shrubs for Washington and Oregon* and *Perennials for Washington and Oregon*.

**Sunday, April 4** 2 – 4 p.m.

**Location:** Molbak's, 13625 NE 175th, Woodinville, 425-398-5100

**Free**

#### *Great Plants for Tough Places*

Get great plant ideas for those challenging spots in your garden – dry shade, wet bogs, exposed slopes, and more in addition to winning some ooo la la's from your neighbors.

**Instructor:** Ciscoe Morris. KIRO Radio & KING TV gardening personality and former lead groundskeeper for Seattle University.

**Saturday, April 17** 2:30 – 4 p.m.

**Location:** Swanson's, 9701 15th Ave NW, Seattle, 206-782-2543

**Free**

Sponsored by Seattle Public Utilities.

# Living Green

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## Gardening for Life – Seattle Audubon

This workshop will show you how to adopt gardening practices that have a positive impact on endangered salmon and water quality in your community. It will also focus on how to help slow the loss of habitat for birds and other wildlife in our region. The main feature is a slide show that will illustrate how to enhance your yard for wildlife. Native plants, snags and water features will be some of the topics covered.



**Register by April 9.**

**Instructor: Neil Zimmerman, Seattle Audubon Society.**

**Saturday, April 17 10 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Location: Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center**  
**Free**

## Water Catchment & Reuse – Harnessing a Natural Resource

Learn how to capture our Northwest rain to use rainwater as a resource while you help protect our fragile ecosystems and streams. Join Mark Merkelbach and Mark Ruebel from Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc., as they describe how water catchment systems work. Learn about the components that are applicable to both residential and business use, see how catchment systems are designed and take a closer look at the design elements and performance of the catchment system at the Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center.

**Register by April 29.**

**Instructor: Mark Merkelbach and Mark Ruebel, Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc.**

**Thursday, May 6 7 – 9 p.m.**

**Location: Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center**  
**Free**

## Keep Your Plants Happy with Drip Irrigation

Drip irrigation can reduce your watering by 60%, save you time and money, and give you healthier plants. This is a two-part class. In the first class you will learn how drip irrigation works, explore the variety of choices and see if it is the right watering system for you. The second class will meet at Bradner Gardens Park to look at a variety of drip irrigation systems already in place and provide hands-on opportunities to fit sample drip parts together.

**Register by calling the Center for Urban Horticulture at 206-685-8033.**

**Instructor: Howard Stenn, Stenn Design**  
**\$30.00 pre-registration fee.**

### **Session 1**

**Wednesday, May 12 7 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Location: Douglas Classroom, Center for Urban Horticulture**

### **Session 2**

**Saturday, May 15 7 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Location: Bradner Gardens Park**

## Plants for the Watershed-Wise Garden

A class focused on what really matters – beautiful plants that will thrive in your garden with less maintenance, chemical use and watering. Colorful slides and plant samples will help participants get to know and learn to grow a handful of beautiful, drought tolerant and disease resistant winners. Professionals will be on hand for an "Ask the Expert" session at the end of the class.

Sponsored by Carkeek Park and SPU.

**Register by May 13.**

**Instructor: Caitlin Evans, Carkeek Park/SPU**

**Thursday, May 20 7 – 9 p.m.**

**Location: Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center**  
**Free**



# Living Green

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## Pipers Creek Watershed Real People's Garden Tour

Back by popular demand for the second year! Spend a lovely Saturday peeking into the gardens of real people with families, jobs and kids. We will provide a map so you can take a self-guided tour of these beautiful gardens at your leisure. See watershed-friendly landscape strategies in action and pick up free information you can use in your own garden.

Supported by Piper's Creek Watershed Project, SPU's Creek Steward Program, Carkeek Park, CWCAP's Salmon Friendly Neighbors and the Broadview Garden Club.

### Nominate a Garden for the Tour.

Do you know someone who has a watershed-friendly garden? Call and tell us about your favorite garden and we will consider it for the tour. We are looking for inspiring chemical-free gardens with examples of drought tolerant plantings, water catchment, slope stabilization, natives, rain gardens, and permeable surfaces.

For registration and information call 206-684-0877 or e-mail [carkeek.park@seattle.gov](mailto:carkeek.park@seattle.gov). Pre-register by June 4.

**Instructor: Beth Miller and Caitlin Evans, Carkeek Park/SPU**

**Saturday, June 12** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
**Free**

## Facility Rentals

Interested in hosting a private party, conference, meeting or other event? The Environmental Learning Center has a 60-person capacity and is available for rent from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. most days. Call 206-684-0877 for prices and additional information.

# Nature Classes

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## Nature Writing— Your Nature Journal

"Tiny purple daisies pushing their way to the surface; spring is coming to Seattle, I feel renewed!" Bring your favorite pen, a blank journal and start describing how spring makes you feel. Nature journaling is a great way to explore your thoughts and feelings while you enjoy the wonders of nature around you.

**Register by April 13.**

**Instructor: Brian Gay, Naturalist**

**Tuesday, April 20**

**7 – 9 p.m.**

**\$10**

## Eye Wonder Programs

A splendid mixture of sensory, exploratory and animal programs provide your pre-school children with a deeper look at the natural world in a fun and interesting way. Introduce them to natural wonders with our one hour long programs Mice and Monsters, Earth Secrets, and Collecting it All. Ask your pre-school or kindergarten if they have heard about Eye Wonder.

Please call at least three weeks in advance of your preferred trip date to schedule a program.

**Instructor: Naturalists**

**Age: Preschool & Kindergarten age**

**7 – 10 children/\$35, 11 – 20 children/\$70**

## Nature Discovery Group Program

Nature Discovery is a unique, adaptable ecology activity series that integrates science, language arts and environmental programs with your classroom or community group. These two hour long programs meet the Washington Essential Academic Learning Requirements and support National Science Foundation kit-enhanced programs. Programs can be adapted and brought to your school, park, lake or nearby green space.

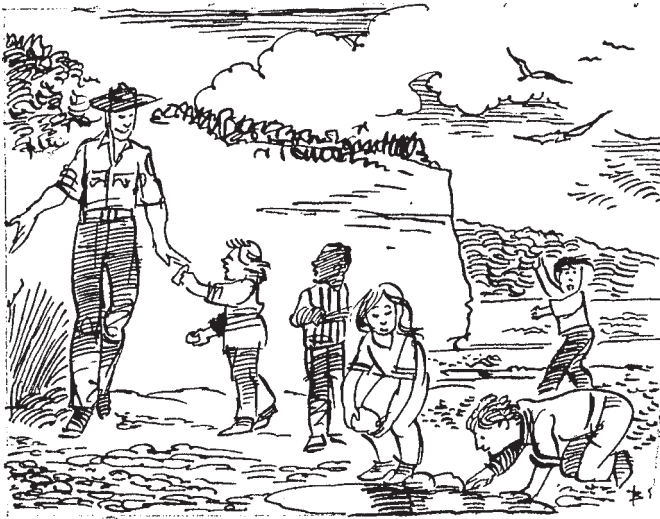
Please call at least three weeks in advance of your preferred trip date to schedule a program.

**Instructor: Naturalists**

**1 – 15 students/\$65, 16 – 30 students/\$130**

# Walks, Talks, and Special Events

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## Tyke Hikes

Love or fear of the outdoors begins when children are young. Tyke Hikes allow you and your preschool age child to explore nature through stories, songs, crafts and outdoor activities. Themes will reflect the season, animal life and vegetation changes. No more than two children per adult please.

**Please call in advance to register.**

**Instructor: Naturalist**

**Thursdays Apr 15 – May 20 1 – 2:30 p.m.**

**\$50 per child for 6 sessions (parent is free but must accompany child). Maximum attendance 12 children.**

## Mother's Day Hike

Come for a leisurely hike on smooth accessible trails while learning about the salmon program at Carkeek Park. Visit the Piper Family Orchard, release salmon fry and enjoy refreshments under the cedar trees. This is a great chance to unwind and enjoy the outdoors with your family.

Sponsored by CWCAP. For more information contact Nancy Malmgren at 206-363-4116.

**Sunday, May 9 1 – 2:30 p.m.**

**Location: Meet in front of the King County Pump Station in Carkeek Park.**

**Free**

## Beach Walk

On June 4th we will see the lowest daytime tide of the entire year. Experience the joys of discovery, and learn about the risks to this fragile world. Join us for a naturalist led presentation followed by a 40 minute walk on the beach.

**Friday, June 4**

**12 – 1:30 p.m.**

**Call us for meeting place.**

**Free**

## Story Telling

The Park storyteller is back! Relating tales from around the world of humans, nature and all beings, a naturalist storyteller spins yarns at the campfire ring near Shelter #1. Prepare for an old fashioned campfire, s'mores, train whistles, sunsets and the usual Seattle weather. **Call us to confirm the schedule.**

**Fridays**

**June 4 – June 25**

**7 – 8 p.m.**

**Free**

## Carkeek Park History

This will be the second in the series of events honoring Carkeek Park's 75th anniversary. Come hear Walt Venema, native to the area, talk about what the Carkeek Park area was like in 1920, how much fun it was to fish for his family's dinner in his front yard and about the disappointment when salmon stopped spawning in the creek. The story of how Ted Mohlendorph took action and helped establish a presence of salmon in the park will be told by his friend and Trout Unlimited co-worker Bill Robinson.

Sponsored by CWCAP, Creek Steward Program, and Carkeek Park.

For more information contact Nancy Malmgren at 206-363-4116.

**Thursday, May 27**

**7 – 9 p.m.**

**Location: Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center**

**Free**

# Special Events

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## Spring Voices at Carkeek Park with Kathryn Mostow and Katya Chorover

We are very excited to welcome local singers/songwriters Kathryn Mostow and Katya Chorover. Kathryn's soulful blend of acoustic guitar, vocals and drum has been described as "a cross between Joan Baez and Paula Cole", and has drawn comparisons to such diverse artists as Dar Williams, Judy Collins and Jewel. Katya blends folk, blues, country, pop, and gospel influences, to create what she calls "New Folk, With Roots". Described as "Joni Mitchell and Joan Baez reincarnated into one body," her well-crafted songs weave intimate, personal stories, with wry social commentary.

Come join us for an evening of magical and soulful music inspired by the true love of performing.

**Pre-register by April 23 as space is limited.**  
**Saturday, May 1 7 p.m.**

**Adults \$8, age 12 and under \$5**

**Location: Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center**

## Summer Solstice Celebration

Summer is the season of celebration when life is in full bloom. It is also a time when the Earth becomes alive and robust. Join us in celebrating the sun's vibrant luminosity on the longest day of the year. We will look for signs of summer in our plants and animals and enjoy a stroll through Carkeek Park. Bring a picnic dinner, blankets, musical instruments and marshmallows and sticks. Dinner will be followed by storytelling and a drumming circle by the bonfire.

**Saturday, June 19 6 – 9:30 p.m.**

**\$5.00 suggested donation.**

**Location: Picnic Area #1**

## Birthday Party Package at Carkeek Park

Looking for something different for your child's birthday party this year? Celebrate your child's birthday at Carkeek Park. Pick from themes like Earth's Secrets, Animal Homes and Tracks, Wetlands Walkabout, Fantastic Forests, Salmon Stories, Bugs Rock!...or we can work with you to design a custom package based on your child's interest. We do the hard part, and your house stays clean!

The Birthday Party Package includes a 1½-hour-long naturalist-led program (outdoors) geared toward your child's nature interests, 1 hour use of the Environmental Learning Center for your party, gifts and refreshments after the nature program.

Please give us two weeks advance notice.

**Preschool 3 – 5 yrs: \$80 for up to 10 kids, \$120 for 11 – 20 kids. School Age 6 – 12 yrs: \$100 for up to 15 kids, \$130 for 16 – 30 kids.**





# Environmental Stewardship

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## Spring Clean-up on Salmon to Sound Trail Along Venema Creek

Help get the trail ready for the hundreds of school children who release chum fry, grown in their schools, at Carkeek Park. Invasive removal and raking are chores needed to sweep out winter's 'gifts'! Crew leaders will have necessary tools, but bring your gloves and dress for the weather. Great service activities for youth groups or individuals. Max 20.

Sponsored by CWCAP, Creek Steward Program, and Carkeek Park.

**For information and registration contact Nancy Malmgren at 206-363-4116.**

**Thursday, April 3 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Location: Meet in front of the King County Pump Station in Carkeek Park.**

**Free**

## Earth Day 2004 at Carkeek Park

Join in the 24th Annual Earth Day Event for Carkeek Park and the Piper's Creek Watershed! The theme this year is "Salmon



Friendly Neighbors help salmon leap into the future!" This year will also honor youth groups and showcase special projects done by Senior Boy Scouts and Carkeek Park volunteers. Extensive work will be done in key watershed areas important to salmon survival. Work will include storm drain stenciling, litter removal and distribution of literature about Salmon Friendly Neighbors. Register now to participate in the Earth Day Cleanup of Carkeek Park.

Sponsored by CWCAP, Creek Steward Program, Carkeek Park and Piper's Creek Watershed Project.

**For information and registration contact Nancy Malmgren at 206-363-4116.**

**Saturday, April 24 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Free**

## Forest Work Parties

Come join our work parties! We remove invasive species, plant native flora and enrich this treasure of a park.

**Upcoming dates: April 3, May 8, & June 12  
9 a.m. – Noon**

**For more information contact Lex Voorhoeve at 206-706-1009.**

## Carkeek Trails Work Parties

Looking for exercise, camaraderie, fun and a way to help the community? Join the Carkeek Park Trails Group as they enhance and maintain the beautiful trails system in Carkeek Park.

**Upcoming dates: April 17, May 15, & June 12  
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**For registration and information call Cynthia Wilson at 206-781-2263.**

**Age: Adult and Youth over 12 years old.**

## Volunteer and Stewardship Opportunities

The Carkeek Watershed Community Action Project invites volunteers to work on the Salmon to Sound Trail, the Salmon Friendly Garden, monitor water quality, recruit Salmon Friendly Neighbors, feed chum fry, support Earth Day activities and advocate for salmon and water quality improvements.

**Contact Nancy Malmgren at 206-363-4116 to get involved.**

## Join the Carkeek Park Citizen Water Quality Monitoring Team.

This is an energetic group of individuals interested in learning more about the water quality in the Pipers Creek system. Learn how pH, temperature, turbidity and stormwater levels impact salmon. The group generally meets on Saturdays and plans to have speakers help them better understand the role of monitoring in protecting fresh and saltwater critters.

Sponsored by CWCAP.

**For more information contact Diana Hampden-Smith at 206-367-8936.**

# Carkeek Park Events Calendar

## April

- Sat, Apr 3 Spring Clean-up on Salmon to Sound Trail in Venema Creek
- Sat, Apr 3 Forest Work Party
- Sun, Apr 4 Creating an Unthirsty Garden
- Thu, Apr 15 Tyke Hike
- Sat, Apr 17 Great Plants for Tough Places
- Sat, Apr 17 Gardening for Life - Seattle Audubon
- Tue, Apr 20 Nature Writing — Your Nature Journal
- Thu, Apr 22 Tyke Hike
- Sat, Apr 24 Earth Day 2004 at Carkeek Park
- Thu, Apr 29 Tyke Hike

## May

- Sat, May 1 Spring Voices at Carkeek Park with Kathryn Mostow and Katya Chorover
- Thu, May 6 Tyke Hike
- Thu, May 6 Water Catchment & Reuse - Harnessing a Natural Resource
- Sat, May 8 Forest Work Party
- Sun, May 9 Mother's Day Hike
- Wed, May 12 Drip Irrigation – Session 1
- Thu, May 13 Tyke Hike
- Thu, May 13 Green Home Remodel
- Sat, May 15 Drip Irrigation – Session 2
- Thu, May 20 Tyke Hike
- Thu, May 20 Plants for the Watershed-Wise Garden
- Thu, May 27 Carkeek Park History

## June

- Fri, Jun 4 Beach Walk
- Fri, Jun 4 Story Telling
- Thu, Jun 10 Green Home Remodel
- Fri, Jun 11 Story Telling
- Sat, Jun 12 Pipers Creek Watershed Real People's Garden Tour
- Sat, Jun 12 Forest Work Party
- Fri, Jun 18 Story Telling
- Sat, Jun 19 Summer Solstice Celebration
- Fri, Jun 25 Story Telling
- Sat, Jun 26 Residential Solar Power: Photovoltaic Assembly for Real People

### Coming Soon

#### **Earth Keepers Summer Day Camp Ages 6 – 12**

Are you looking  
for a summer  
program  
that allows  
your child

to create, imagine, explore, discover, play, learn and shine? Then the Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center's summer camp programs are just what you have been looking for! Our caring, trained naturalists will help open a world of discovery for your child using the unique outdoor classroom environment of Carkeek Park.

**For information on our weekly themes or to register contact Carkeek Park at 206- 684-0877 and request a brochure. \$160 per child per week**



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## Headwaters

provides a forum for communication and discussion of local watershed issues.

Headwaters is a free newsletter produced by the **Pipers Creek Watershed Project**, a collaborative program of Seattle Parks and Seattle Public Utilities.

## Have You Ever Wondered How Carkeek Park Became a Park and Where Piper's Creek Got its Name?

Guest submission by Nancy Malmgren, Director, Carkeek Watershed Community Action Project

Early settlers called Carkeek Park "Rolling Beach". According to our Suquamish tribal friends who provide the chum eggs for 25 schools growing salmon for Carkeek and chum-fed fry for Carkeek's stock supplementation program — the Shilshole band of the Duwamish Tribe called Piper's Creek *K<sup>w</sup>aateb* meaning "leave it alone." Piper's Creek was renamed after the Piper Family who purchased the land — an obsolete logging camp — in 1889.

Guen Carkeek Plestcheeff, daughter of J. Morgan Carkeek founder of Carkeek, tells this story of Carkeek Park's Creation: "Henry Yesler told my father it was important to give land to Seattle for parks, and so he did

— by giving the original Carkeek Park at Sand Point to the City. When that park was condemned for the US Naval Air Station, he fought to have another park site to replace it. At the urging of his Greenwood area friend E.B. Holme the current site was chosen. He was a very strong minded person and he gave me character. If something didn't go well with me he would say: 'you didn't connect.' It made no sense to me then, but now I better understand what he meant."<sup>1</sup>

## A Time to 'Connect'! A Time to Celebrate!

Carkeek Park, dedicated August 24, 1929, will celebrate it's 75th Birthday this year. The Carkeek Plaza business community is hosting a celebration Saturday, August 21st from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. as part of the annual Carkeek Community Day! It will be held in the parking lot under the QFC Tower Sign. Creative ideas are needed to make the celebration a day to remember! To join in and help plan the celebration, contact Donna Ekstrom, F.R. McAbee Inc. at 206-783-2600. Here is a time to 'connect' with the park and the watershed. Take personal action to keep it a safe, healthy place for people to recreate and for salmon to flourish for many more years!



<sup>1</sup>Guen Carkeek Plestcheeff (1892 – 1994) interviews 10-14-83 with I. Jean Turnbull and 1-3-92 with Pat Kemp & Nancy Malmgren.

# Program Registration Form

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Make Check Payable to: Carkeek Park Advisory Council

Mail to: Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center

950 NW Carkeek Park Rd

Seattle, WA 98177-4755

**Phone:** 206-684-0877 **Fax:** 206-364-4685

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Eve Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRANT	PROGRAM TITLE	AGE	DATE	FEE
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